

CLAIMS LISTING

1. – 28. (cancelled).

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29. (new) A hinge-lid box for cigarettes or cigarette packs (10), comprising a blank, the blank being a package blank (17) made of thin cardboard and having continuous regions for an outer box side tab (18) and a lid side tab (19), a box front wall (20) and a lid front wall (21), a box side wall (22) and a lid side wall (23), a box rear wall (24) and a lid rear wall (25), and a marginal connective strip for connecting the side tabs (18, 19) for forming a box part (13) with the box front wall (20), the box rear wall (24), the box side wall (22) and a lid (14) having lid front wall (21), lid rear wall (25) and lid side walls (23), wherein during the production process a collar (15), which is connected as a single piece to one side of the package blank (17), is folded against an inner side of the package blank (17), wherein:

- a) the collar (15) comprises a collar front wall (42) and lateral collar flaps (39, 40), and further comprises an upper collar edge (44) having oblique slopes along upper edges of the collar flaps (39, 40);
- b) the package blank (17) further comprises a punched line (28) for delimiting the lid front wall (21), the lid side tab (19) and the lid side wall (23) from adjacent regions of the box part (13), with the punched line (28) forming an oblique leg for delimiting the box side tab (18) from the lid side tab (19);
- c) a lid strip (27) is laterally attached to the lid rear wall (25) and a box strip (26) is laterally attached to the box rear wall, the lid strip (27) being a continuation of the box strip (26), and the lid strip (27) being for connecting to the lid side tab (19);
- d) the box strip (26) and the lid strip (27) are delimited from one another by a wedge-shaped cutout (49) to form oblique edges on the box strip (26) and the lid strip (27); and
- e) the wedge-shapes cutout (49) and the oblique edges form an angle that is greater than an angle formed in the region of pack sides and defined by (i) the oblique collar edge (44) and (ii) an oblique closing edge formed by a leg of the punched line (28), such that the oblique edges bordering the cutout (49) are not visible.

30. (new) The hinged-lid box according to Claim 29, wherein the box strip (26) is arranged opposite to the box side tab (18) and the box strip (26) is connected to one of the collar flaps (40) in the region of the collar (15) and to the box side tab (18) outside of the collar (15).

31. (new) A hinged-lid box for cigarette packs (10), comprising a package blank (17) made of thin cardboard for forming a box part (13), the box part (13) having a box front wall (20), a box rear wall (24) and a box side wall (22), and a lid (14), the lid (14) having a lid front wall (21), a lid rear wall (25) and lid side walls (23), with a collar (15) being arranged within the box part (13) and abutting an inner side of the box front wall (20) and of the box side walls (22), wherein:

- a) the hinge-lid box has a height dimensioned to correspond approximately to the height of the cigarette packs (10);
- b) the hinge-lid box has a width dimensioned such that five of the cigarette packs (10) can be accommodated next to each other within the hinge-lid box, with the five cigarette packs (10) abutting each other in a large-surface front faces to rear faces relationship;
- c) two of the hinge-lid boxes are joined together as sub-packages (56, 57) to form a multipack unit;
- d) the sub-packages (56, 57) lie with base walls (34) of the sub-packages (56, 57) against one another, the base walls (34) each being formed from a cover wall (38) extending from box rear wall (24);
- e) the sub-packages (56, 57) of the multipack unit have a laterally reversed arrangement such that a front face, formed from the box front wall (20), of one of the sub-packages (56) lies on the same side as a rear face, formed from the box rear wall (24), of the other one of the sub-packages (57); and
- f) the sub-packages (56, 57) are connected detachably to one another.

32. (new) The hinge-lid box according to Claim 31, wherein the sub-packages (56, 57) are connected to one another by at least one adhesive label (58) connecting opposing narrow side walls of the sub-packages (56, 57), the narrow side walls being formed from the box side tab (18) or the box side wall (22), and the at least one adhesive label (58) having a perforation line (59) in the plane of the abutting base walls (34) of the sub-packages (56, 57).
